

from Select File to E & R for Engrossment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance LB 6E to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment. All those in favor say aye...Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, weren't we debating the bill? I had my light on, the point I'm making.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the motion of Senator Hall is debatable, Senator Higgins, and I will now recognize you.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you. I know I am a voice crying in the wilderness, but those of us that ran for office in 1984 voted for this homestead exemption and I'll repeat it again. You vote to take it away now in 1985 on a lame excuse, we didn't know how bad it was going to be, then you admit that you haven't been paying attention to what has been going on in this Legislature and all the speeches you've been hearing from the farm senators and about the economy. So a bunch of political opportunists in 1984 said, hey, this is good meat for a campaign. Let's give them that exemption, but now we've been re-elected and now we can double-cross the voters. I'm sorry for those of you that have to run next year and I'm sorry for you if your opponents point to the fact that you've been promising and promising and promising property relief and we haven't done anything in 1985 to give it to the public. We haven't done anything in this special session except propose to take away what we promised a year ago so we do sound like a bunch of tinhorn politicians, making promises and then forgetting them. Well, I won't be a tinhorn politician and I don't care how desperately this state needs money, you can cut the budget, but you ought not steal from the people that which you promised them. With that, I'll close, Mr. President, but I would ask for a call of the house and I would ask for a roll call vote. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Very well, we'll take up your request later. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, is the Chairman of the Revenue Committee here, Senator Johnson?

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson is excused until he arrives, not Senator Johnson.